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5 USA,  
6 Plaintiff,  
7 v.  
8 JULI MAZI,  
9 Defendant.

10 Case No. [22-cr-00036-CRB-1](#)  
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**ORDER PERMITTING  
DEFENDANT TO PROCEED *PRO  
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13 On April 6, 2022, Defendant Juli Mazi pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud  
14 and one count of false statements related to health care matters. See Plea Hearing (dkt.  
15 26); Plea Agreement (dkt. 27). Defendant admitted to “engag[ing] in a fraudulent scheme  
16 involving the use of interstate wires and ma[king] false statements relating to health care  
17 matters in connection with offering and selling homeoprophylaxis immunizations, and  
18 fabricating vaccine record cards in order to falsely make it appear that customers received  
19 government approved or authorized vaccines.” Plea Agreement ¶ 2.

20 On June 30, Defendant sent the Court a letter under seal suggesting that this plea  
21 agreement was coerced. Dkt. 37. At a hearing on July 6, Defendant stated that she wanted  
22 to dismiss her retained counsel, Philip Allen Schnayerson, and to proceed pro se. Dkt. 38.  
23 Understanding its duty under Faretta v. California, 422 U.S. 806 (1975), the Court held a  
24 hearing on July 11 devoted to whether Defendant makes the choice to represent herself  
25 knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily.

26 At the hearing, the Court repeated to Defendant the nature of the two charges  
27 against her, the possible penalties, and the dangers and disadvantages of self-  
28 representation. See United States v. Farhad, 190 F.3d 1097, 1099 (9th Cir. 1999). The

1 Court thoroughly explained the consequences of waiving her right to appointed counsel.  
2 The Court also explained that, if Defendant does not show coercion or fraud and the Court  
3 permits her to withdraw the plea, statements in that plea are admissible against her at trial.  
4 The undersigned judge recommended that, in the Court's view, a trained lawyer—whether  
5 Schnayerson or someone else—would be far better able to defend her.

6 Based on Defendant's responses at the hearing, this order finds as follows:  
7 Defendant understands the charges against her and the possible penalties. Defendant  
8 understands the dangers and disadvantages of self-representation. Defendant understands  
9 that she has a constitutional right to a lawyer, but has refused one. Defendant has  
10 unequivocally and voluntarily waived her right to a lawyer and has unequivocally and  
11 voluntarily exercised her constitutional right to represent herself. Defendant understands  
12 the consequences of her decision and is mentally competent to make this decision.

13 Accordingly, the Court GRANTS Defendant's request to exercise her constitutional  
14 right to represent herself. The Court also APPOINTS Schnayerson, whom Defendant had  
15 previously retained, to be stand-by counsel.

16 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

17 Dated: July 11, 2022



CHARLES R. BREYER  
United States District Judge